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From: Lyons, John [Lyons.John@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/25/2021 10:51:14 PM
To: Gill, Sonam [Gill.Sonam@epa.gov]; Manzanilla, Enrique [Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov]; Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]; Huang, Judy [Huang.Judy@epa.gov]; Barton, Dana [Barton.Dana@epa.gov]
CC: Giarmoleo, Julia [Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: DDT briefing next Monday

Hi Sonam

I am good with that language

Thx

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From: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
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Becky proposed this as our answer to #1. Let me know your thoughts.

“EPA will continue to work with senior leaders from Federal and State agencies to discuss the issues including next steps. We will work with the agencies in the development of a Public Outreach plan as we move forward.”

From: Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>
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Thanks Sonam – right now, it’s a concept.

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Cc: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
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Hi John,

NOAA is requesting more info on answer #1. See highlight below.

Sonam

From: Becky Lizama - NOAA Federal <becky.lizama@noaa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 2:05 PM
To: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Cc: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: DDT briefing next Monday

Hi Sonam,

Thank you for sharing the draft responses. Regarding #1, I am not aware of a Public Outreach plan that is being developed. Do you have more information on that? Is there a draft?

I have no comments on question 2 since those conversations between EPA and the state.

Sincerely,

Becky

On Tue, May 25, 2021 at 3:59 PM Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Becky,

Jeanette also called me yesterday with similar questions. I wanted to run this response by you before sending it off.

- Are public meetings being planned yet, if not what is our plan to inform the public on our actions?

We are working with NOAA to develop our Public Outreach plan. In the near term, we will work with NOAA to identify points of contact within EPA and NOAA that your office can refer constituents to.

- **What does the coordination with the state of California look like on this issue?**

Senior leaders from the State have been fully engaged in the three meeting that we have convened with Federal and State agencies to discuss the Southern California Ocean Disposal Sites. The State agencies that we are working with include: Cal EPA, the California Natural Resources Agency, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control. EPA began discussions with the RWQCB and SWRCB last December.

Our Acting Regional Administrator, Deborah Jordan, had a productive hour long meeting last week with the Cal EPA Secretary for Environmental Protection, Jared Blumenfeld, to discuss the situation, next steps and actions. We appreciate Secretary Blumenfeld's leadership on this matter. And we look forward to the continued engagement of our State partners.

From: Becky Lizama - NOAA Federal <becky.lizama@noaa.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 6:28 PM

To: Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>

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Subject: Re: DDT briefing next Monday

Sharing what was provided to the Secretary's office.

Topic: Ocean Dumping in California (Feinstein)

Question: Are there any updates on the recent reporting of thousands of barrels of DDT being dumped off the shore of California?

Answer:

- NOAA has been working closely with EPA and other federal and state agencies to discuss these coastal ocean disposal sites. Collaboration is ongoing daily to discuss historical records towards determining what was dumped and where it was dumped across the multiple sites, and what further study options should be pursued. EPA and NOAA will continue to keep your staff

updated on next steps. [NOTE for DOC: EPA and NOAA updated the Senator's staff this past week.]

On Mon, May 24, 2021 at 4:29 PM Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Becky. Regarding item 2, given the fact that the Senators' staff are now apprised of the barrels vs bulk dumping of DDT waste, the response to the Senator's QFR should reflect that information. We're happy to help with the response.

Enrique

From: Becky Lizama - NOAA Federal <becky.lizama@noaa.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 1:18 PM

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Subject: Re: DDT briefing next Monday

Hi all,

1) At the request of Senator Feinstein's staff, I just got off the phone with Jeanette Christian. She said she was not aware of the EPA/NOAA conversations with CA state but that she was glad to hear of the engagement. She said she was curious how those conversations (i.e., John mentioned the call with Cal EPA and US EPA) with the state were going. I deferred her to EPA and reiterated NOAA's role.

2) In addition, DOC Secretary Raimondo will be testifying on the FY22 budget before the Senate Appropriations Committee on 05/26/21. We received a question from Sen. Feinstein's office and I am working with OMAO on a draft response for the Secretary.

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Thank you,

Becky

On Sat, May 22, 2021 at 8:04 AM Becky Lizama - NOAA Federal <becky.lizama@noaa.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Walker.

Sincerely,

Becky

On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 8:01 PM Walker Smith - NOAA Federal <walker.smith@noaa.gov> wrote:

FYI from Senator Feinstein's office.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (mobile)

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From: **Karen Hyun - NOAA Federal** <karen.hyun@noaa.gov>

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Subject: Fwd: DDT briefing next Monday

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From: **Segal, Alexis (Feinstein)** <Alexis_Segal@feinstein.senate.gov>

Date: Fri, May 21, 2021 at 3:10 PM

Subject: DDT briefing next Monday

To: karen.hyun@noaa.gov <karen.hyun@noaa.gov>

Hi Karen and happy Friday!

Monday there's a regional EPA and regional NOAA briefing with our office on DDT. Senator Feinstein asks me about this issue weekly and is eager to see progress on next steps, a plan of action or strategy from the federal agencies. It would be helpful in Monday's briefing to learn more, since the March mission – and a big thanks again to NOAA for supporting/leading that – what EPA and NOAA plan to do next and how our office can support that. From what we have learned from the scientists, subsequent cruises to collect samples and conduct video are really crucial. I'm also interested to learn about NOAA's equities to monitor the area under the Oceans Dumping Act. FYA, we are also working hard on appropriations angle with requests from Scripps and other UC institutions that I hope will help support NOAA's work (and the budget generally as well). I'm also getting a lot of pings from local CA legislature offices and ocean advocacy groups all asking for more information and action items. Thanks for engaging on this and appreciate you have a full plate!

Best,

Alexis

Alexis K. Segal

Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein

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